

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes October 24, 2007

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. (EDT) on October 24, 2007 in Conference Room A of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Chairman Robert Carter.

Board members present were Chairman Robert Carter, Julie Donnell, Harry Murphy, William Selm, Andrew Seager, Kent Schuette, Donald Cochran, John Newman, James Glass, and Richard Butler.

Staff members present were Paul Diebold, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Steve Kennedy, Holly Tate, Dave Duvall, Karie Brudis, Amy Johnson, and Jennifer Hubbard.

Visitors present were: Ann Hildner, L. Tom Coulter, Dan Mikula, and Sue Becher Gilliam.

Chairman Robert Carter called for the approval of the minutes of the July 25, 2007 meeting. Kent Schuette made a motion to approve the minutes. Andrew Seager seconded the motion and it carried.

I. Division Director's Report

Director Glass noted the success of the Cornelius O'Brien–Main Street Conference in Richmond, Indiana this year and that the conference will be held in Bloomington in 2008. September was the 12th annual Archeology month in Indiana. There were 38 events across the state that the division co sponsored with staff attending 10 of the educational events. Grant applications were submitted in October. The board will receive staff recommendations for making grant awards in January, 2008. The HLF and OCRA have asked for a study of the tax credit program for presentation to the Natural Resources Study Committee. The HLF is proposing the development of an advisory commission on the restoration of the County Courthouses. Representative Matt Pierce of Bloomington is interested in proposing archaeology legislation. Glass also brought the board up to speed on the continued efforts of the reorganization of the division. Approval has come through to add 3 Division Assistant Directors and those positions will be filled in the next month or so and the complete reorganization should be completed in the next 2 months.

II. State Certificates of Approval

- 1. Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs for a certificate of approval to construct a half scale version of the interurban station which once served the interurban spur that ran from Anderson to the amusement park on the Bronnenberg property, Mounds State Park, Union Township, Madison County, Indiana**

Staff member Frank Hurdis delivered the staff recommendations. Sue Becher Gilliam, representing State Parks and Reservoirs, was available for questions. John Newman asked if the trail is on the right-of-way of the interurban track and Sue confirmed that it is. Andrew Seager was involved in a survey of the historic period at Mounds State Park twenty years ago that identified historic remains. He recommended updating the survey and amending the nomination to include the historic period of significance. Seager noted that the proposal called for reconstructing half of the original shelter, not the entire shelter at half scale and was concerned that building the shelter would be inherently inaccurate and would disturb the archaeological remains. Don Cochran expressed the same concern about damaging the historic archaeological deposits. Sue Becher Gilliam explained that the project is being driven by the park's Friends Group. Staff member, Amy Johnson, concurred that there are historic and prehistoric archaeological deposits at the site and the project could affect the archeological aspect of the site. She indicated that is why the staff comment recommended a survey of the site. Kent Schuette moved to table the application until discussion with Park staff and the friends group could take place. Julie Donnell seconded the motion. John Newman recommended detailed photos of the existing area and the new proposed area be provided the board for its future discussion. The motion to table passed.

2. **Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs to amend a certificate of approval granted in 2005 (20052337) by changing the location for a proposed shelter to the north end of the mill property at Mansfield Roller Mill, Jackson Township, Park County, Indiana**

Frank Hurdis delivered the staff recommendations. Harry Murphy asked for background which Sue Becher Gilliam provided. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the new location, John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

3. **Application by the Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Management for a certificate of approval for the Indiana Statehouse Landscape Master Plan and the implementation of the plan with Phase 1 work to include the repair of the perimeter stone wall, new accessible walks, the removal of parking lot curbing, the installation of new shade trees, flowering trees, evergreen hedge, and flowering shrubs on the grounds of the Indiana Statehouse, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana**

Frank Hurdis discussed the scope of work in Phase 1 and the landscape master plan. He brought up concerns staff had with the plan as originally proposed and explained that the Division of Facilities Management and their landscape consultant had revised the plan. L. Tom Coulter, Director, Public Works Division, IDOA, commented on the master plan concerning security issues. He noted that discussion of removing the north parking lot which is in the master plan has taken place, but no date has been set for when that will take place. Kent Schuette asked when issues regarding the location of current and future monuments would be addressed. There was also discussion regarding space for future memorials, which is addressed in Phase 1, but may be expanded upon. It was explained that the board would be approving the master plan in concept; however, specific changes that may take place will be discussed before those changes are implemented. There was discussion about who had jurisdiction over what monuments are placed on the grounds. Jim Glass stated he believed DOA has jurisdiction over what monuments are placed on the grounds and the review board would give approval for where those monuments would be placed. Glass asked about when a decision would be made regarding the location of existing monuments and their location on the grounds. Coulter responded that some of those decisions are addressed in Phase 1 and others will be addressed in future phases of the plan implementation. Newman suggested that a complete documentation of what currently exists on the grounds be done. Julie Donnell made the motion to approve the master plan with the understanding there will be modifications in the future. and to approve the Phase 1 project. John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

III. State and National Register Applications

1. **C. G. Conn Mansion, 039-186-30020, 723 Strong Avenue, Elkhart, Elkhart County (1792)**
Paul Diebold explained that the application was from the CLG of Elkhart. There was no discussion on this application. John Newman made a motion to approve and William Selm seconded it and it carried.
2. **Smith Farm, 2698 South CR 900E, E. Plainfield, Hendricks County (1888)**
Paul Diebold explained that this had been previously tabled to research any additional acreage that might be added to the property but further research showed no proof of additional agricultural acreage that could be added. John Newman made a motion to approve the application, Kent Schuette seconded it and it carried.
3. **Cavanaugh Bridge, 071-641-50015, .6 mile south of CR 700 S, on 550 W over Muscatatuck River, Jackson County (1925)**
Paul Diebold described the application. John Newman was very impressed with the research and this type of nomination. Andrew Seager made the motion to approve the application, Mr. Newman seconded it and it carried.
4. **Vermillion County Courthouse, 165-459-11021, 255 South Main Street, Newport, Vermillion County (1933)**

Paul Diebold explained that this is the first Courthouse nomination prepared as part of the division's courthouse nomination initiative for the board to consider. John Newman was concerned about security with the availability of photos and plans. He recommended that there be restrictions on what plans and photos are placed on the web. Director Carter agreed and suggested the Legal department look into the restrictions that could be made on the access of these records. There was discussion as to whether the plans used in the application process were posted online or if the plans were a current set plans. Kent Schuette made a motion to approve the application and Mr. Newman seconded it and it carried.

5. **Pulaski County Courthouse, 112 East Main Street, Winamac, Pulaski County (1934)**
Frank Hurdis explained that the application was another paid for by the courthouse nomination initiative. John Newman noted for the board and audience the famous "Ford Pinto" trial that took place at this courthouse and that for years a mock up of a Ford Pinto was stored in the attic. Kent Schuette made a motion to approve the application and John Newman seconded it and it carried.

VI. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Violett-Martin House and Gardens, 039-243-53241, Goshen, Elkhart County (1600)

Medora Covered Bridge, 071-398-55010, Medora vicinity, Jackson County (1885)

Josephus Wolf House, 127-520-10034, Valparaiso vicinity, Porter County (1901)

Sheridan Downtown Commercial Historic District, Hamilton County (1903)

Spencer Public Library, 199-605-36022, Spencer, Owen County (1915)

Beck's Mill Bridge, carries Beck's Mill Road over Mill Creek, Salem vicinity, Washington County (1917)

Harmony Way Bridge in New Harmony Indiana has been added.

Rejected

none

Removed

none

Director Carter noted the proposed date for the next meeting is January 23, 2008, IGCS Conference Rooms 1+2, 1:30 p.m. (EST)

Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications: November 14, 2007, 4:45 p.m. (EST)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and passed.